

GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

**All Councillors are summoned to a meeting of Council, to be held at the
Bellême Room, Village Hall, Goring on Monday 13 November at 7.30pm
Public and press are invited to attend**

Members are respectfully reminded of the obligation to declare any interests relevant to business to be conducted at this meeting and of the convention as to withdrawal from the meeting for the relevant item unless the interest is not one that debars the member from speaking thereon.

AGENDA – COUNCIL MEETING

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1. To receive apologies for absence.
2. To receive declarations of interests.
3. Public forum: *An opportunity for the public to address the council. With the permission of the chairman, the public may also speak about specific items of business as they arise.*
4. To approve minutes of the meetings held on 9 and 24 October 2017.
5. Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda.
6. To receive chairman's report and announcements.
7. To receive a report on the Neighbourhood Plan.
8. To consider appointing a working group to progress the NP Strategic Project of improving traffic management, parking and pedestrian safety in the village centre. (KB)
9. To consider a report on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School (CB/BU) (Appendix A)
10. To note a report from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer. (Appendix B)
11. To receive a report from the Police. (JW)
12. To consider a report on High Street issues. (DB) (Appendix C)
13. To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues. (LR) (Appendix D)
14. To receive a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues. (MBu)

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15. To receive a report regarding planned events in the village. (CH)

16. Parish Finance:

1. To approve payments for October 2017. (Appendix E)
2. To note receipts for October 2017. (Appendix F)
3. To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 31 October 2017. (Appendix G)
4. To consider a review of effectiveness of internal audit. (BU) (Appendix H)
5. To receive a report from Goring Gap in Bloom and consider a grant for 2018-19 in conjunction with the below item. (BU) (Appendix I)
6. To consider the revised budget for 2017-18 and set a budget and precept for the year 2018-19 (BU) (Appendix J)
7. To consider a policy on grant applications (BU) (Appendix K)

17. To consider a request from Goring Village Hall for a stall in The Rectory Garden, current fees attached. (Appendix L)

18. To review parish council support for the school strategic project (LR)

19. To review Goring's longer term development strategy (LR)

20. Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of meetings held on 12 September, 10 and 24 October 2017.

21. Correspondence.

1. Email from Ron Bridle regarding a Community Awards Board (C1)
2. Letter from Mrs Weetman regarding Signs and Posters Policy (C2)
3. To consider two requests to donate memorial benches. (C3)
4. To note letter of thanks from Stephanie Bridle (C4)

22. Matters for future discussion.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL
Bellême Room, Goring Village Hall 7.30pm Monday 9 October 2017

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick (BU)
	Carmela Boff (CB)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR)
	Catherine Hall (CH)

Officers Present:

Clerk	Colin Ratcliff (CR)
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Nine members of the public and press

17/130 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from David Brooker (DB), Emrhys Barrell (EB) Matthew Brown (MBR) and Mary Bulmer (MBu)

17/131 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

17/132 Public Forum

None

17/133 To approve minutes of the meetings held on 11 and 13 September 2017

Resolved: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.

17/134 Matters arising from those minutes not elsewhere on the agenda

17/84 Previous minutes, CR reported only one quote had been obtained for an entrance at the South East corner. No decision was made.

17/111 CH reported the Cricket Club had raised concerns about the use of Gardiner for a George Michael tribute. KB suggested continuing to work towards using Gardiner as it is central. CR reported the GM group had apparently discounted using the Gap Festival marquee as they estimate selling 2,000 tickets. It was agreed to have a standing agenda item about events.

17/135 To receive chairman's report and announcements

KB congratulated Goring Gap in Bloom on the achievement of a Gold Award in the Britain in Bloom competition, thanking all members and volunteers for a well-deserved award.

The school also received a special mention in the same competition and was congratulated.

17/136 To consider a report on the Neighbourhood Plan

Mike Stares reported that both NP documents should be in a quality state for submission to GPC within 2 weeks, he apologised for the delay due to shifting sands. SODC have revised the housing numbers for Goring from 251 to 140. Any further new information will now be considered during the consultation. He thanked CH, BU and CR for their assistance to the NPSG.

The Reg. 14 consultation will include a summary going to all households in the village, meetings with residents about site specific requirements and drop in surgeries. In response to questions; he said feedback requests will be structured, there is no order of priority for the Strategic Plans and there is pressure to increase density to 30 per hectare but Goring's unique characteristics affect that.

KB stated that GPC will receive copies and an Extraordinary Council Meeting arranged to consider moving to consultation but that meeting will not be to discuss the draft Plan in

Signed:

Dated:

detail.

17/137 To receive an update on the NP Strategic Project for Goring CE Primary School

CB referred to Appendix A.

Geoff Braham asked about further investigation of conditional preference for options outside of the current plan as that has been included in other NPs. BU asked Mr Braham to provide details of those NPs that include it and the School Group would discuss it with the NPSG. Mr Braham indicated Long Wittenham, though acknowledged that Goring may be different because of size and scope of plan. BU to review.

17/138 Parish Finance:

1 To approve payments for September 2017

Resolved: That the payments be approved

2 To note receipts for September 2017

Noted

3 To note the bank account and reserves balances as at 30 September 2017

Noted

4 To review income, expenditure and the current budget at the end of the second quarter 2017-18.

BU submitted a revised 2017-18 budget within Appendix H.

Resolved: That all adjustments to the budget be approved

5 To accept and approve the annual return for 2016-17 following the report received from the external auditors BDO LLP.

BU noted the comments which were being addressed.

Resolved: That the annual return be accepted and approved.

6 To consider appointment of an Internal Auditor for 2016-2017.

Resolved: To continue using Arrow Accounting.

7 To consider a S.144 Local Government Act 1972 grant application from GGBN re Christmas

Appendices G and G1 referred.

Resolved: To support the bid in full.

8 To receive a draft budget for 2018-19

BU presented a draft budget for 2018-19 and invited questions and comments over the next month. He proposed a 7% precept increase giving a Band D an approximate increase of 32p per month. Reasons being, inflation, keeping the precept similar over previous years but with increased housing numbers, GPC being tasked to take on more activities, a delay in CIL money and wish to contribute to projects and reserves. KB said GPC need to be more aware of ongoing maintenance issues and asked councillors to consider a higher increase of 15% to support reserves and other needs in the Parish. He noted that parish councils are the only councils not limited to a 4% rise due to their occasional need for significant funding and there is likely to be some significant growth in the village. BU mentioned the need for a strategy for grant applications and will make a proposal to the next meeting.

17/139 To note reports from County Councillor / District Councillor Kevin Bulmer.

Appendix I refers.

KB added that SODC have released their Local Plan for consultation.

Signed:

Dated:

- 17/140 To consider a report from the Police**
JW reported a homeless person sleeping rough had moved back to Reading and the police have re-released their appeal for witnesses regarding a sexual assault.
- 17/141 To consider a report on High Street issues**
Appendix J refers. BU stated Goring Village Hall trustees had suggested trying a temporary cone system on the grass verge outside The Rectory Garden when events are taking place. This was welcomed.
CR stated there are spaces available in the Community Centre Car Park and was asked to advertise on the website and on notice boards.
- 17/142 To consider a report on Recreation Grounds issues**
LR reported that refurbishment at the Sheepcot Pavilion was needed, suggesting £10k for the budget.
Replacement swings are being fitted at Bourdillon Field on October 10th.
A meeting of the recreation equipment working group would be arranged this month.
He proposed that an arboriculturalist be asked to report on the potential for thinning and crown lifting at The Rectory Garden.
Resolved: That an arboriculturalist be asked to supply a report for consideration.
- 17/143 To consider a report on White Hill Burial Ground issues**
None
- 17/144 To consider a request from Goring CE School for GPC to make a formal offer regarding the use of Bourdillon Field for the school**
BU said the school required a formal offer for consideration in using their existing site versus other site studies. There are some covenants and it is registered with the Charity Commissioners whose permission would be needed should any offer progress.
Resolved: That the offer be made subject to GPC's approval of any proposal and final approval by the Charity Commissioners.
- 17/145 To consider a complaint regarding parking by Tesco Customers in Sloane Close**
It was noted this was one of the issues raised by GPC in the planning process.
Resolved: That GPC write to Tesco to ask what they might do to help alleviate the situation.
- 17/146 To review the council's complaints policy**
Resolved: That the policy at Appendix L be approved.
- 17/147 To consider an offer from SSE for six staff members to do a day's volunteer work in the village.**
CB said a team from her workplace are available on to assist with a day working on anything that needs doing in the village.
Resolved: The offer was welcomed and suggested a deep clean at Sheepcot Pavilion would be useful.
- 17/148 Reports from Planning Committee – to receive minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2017**
Received and noted.
- 17/149 Correspondence**
- 1 To consider an email received regarding a donation for a memorial bench for George Michael**
Resolved: That GPC take up the offer of a lease of land on the High Street and ask the donors of funds for a design and costs of a memorial bench in stone.
 - 2 To consider a s.137 Local Government Act 1972 grant and ongoing electricity**

supply to Goring Robins for a defibrillator box and permission to mount on the external Sheepcot pavilion wall

Resolved: That a grant of £375.00 be awarded and agreement for GPC to take on the ongoing costs of an electricity supply once fitted.

3 To consider a S. 137 Local Government Act 1972 grant request for a defibrillator at Goring Railway Station

Resolved: That the request be approved.

4 To note letter of thanks received from Goring Cricket Club

Noted

17/150 Matters for future discussion

CH said she had held a meeting about The Gap Festival 2018, there was a request to identify areas where 'busking' might take place; The Rectory Garden, Arcade and Lock Approach were suggested as possible locations. The organisers would like clarification on the posters policy and a more permanent notice board for advertising. It was suggested GPC have nothing suitable and that private property or premises may be more suitable for a notice board.

JW asked about security lights at Sheepcot. CR reported they had been fitted recently.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

Abbreviations:

GM	George Michael
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
NPSG	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

REPORT & FUNDING REQUEST
SCHOOL STRATEGIC PROJECT IN DRAFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Though Cllr Boff will report on the details of progress with the School Governor's Working Group, I would like to report on a specific aspect and to request financial support for the Working Group to explore various options for the future of the school. These options include refurbishing the existing school, rebuilding the existing school on its current site (including the possibility of building on the Bourdillon Field), and finding a new site for the school/pre-school. As part of this exploration they will commission an objective feasibility study about the options for the school in its current location. The Working Group developed a comprehensive brief and sought and received proposals from seven very qualified experts able to conduct a robust feasibility study. Cllrs Hall, Boff and myself were able to input thoughts and suggestions into the briefing documents, and are involved in supporting the Working Group to determine the proposals to take forward.

The proposed cost for this feasibility study range from £14,000 - £20,000, and the Working Group is working to refine the brief and reduce costs, but also to ensure the appropriate robustness of the information provided.

I propose that we support this effort by agreeing to fund up to half of this feasibility study (maximum £6,000). We are (and the Working Group will) requesting the Diocese to support the initiative and fund the remaining amount. We have this amount in our grants budget, and we could reallocate it to this strategic project as highlighted in the current draft of the Neighbourhood Plan. This decision is consistent with our commitment to support the school to in the process to get the best facilities possible. This feasibility study is a critical step in the process.

Cllr Bryan Urbick
8th November 2017

REPORT TO GORING DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2017 FROM CLLR KEVIN BULMER

GENERAL OCC REPORT

THE RACE IS ON FOR DRIVERLESS CARS

News that ground-breaking transport technology being pioneered in Oxfordshire has won a share of a £51million government prize has been welcomed by two council leaders. Oxfordshire is home to Science Vale UK and some world leading science and technology companies who are blazing a trail towards more energy efficient and road safety. Organisations based in the Science Vale are working on pioneering projects such as autonomous cars and smart traffic management systems needed to support people travelling around the county. Remote Applications in Challenging Environments (RACE), which is based at Culham Science Centre in Oxfordshire, is to receive £6.9m from the Department of Transport towards their £10million project to set up a range of different test areas mimicking increasingly realistic city driving environments, where automated vehicles can be tested before being taken onto public roads. They are one of a number of companies that Oxfordshire County Council and South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils works with to drive progress on future transport technology.

APPLY ONLINE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

Applications for children due to start primary school in September 2018 can now be made online. Families with children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are urged to visit the primary school admissions pages on the county council's website to find out how to apply for places for next year. The council still accepts postal applications but recommends families apply online where possible, as this helps speed up the applications process. It also means families receive an automatic response confirming their application has been received and can be quickly notified if further information is needed. Those who apply online will also receive an email on allocation day, 16 April 2018, informing them of the outcome of their application. Postal application forms are available from all Oxfordshire schools and from reception at County Hall in Oxford.

SMIFFING OUT ILLEGAL TOBACCO

Oxfordshire County Council is launching a series of events to tackle sellers of illegal tobacco. Trading Standards Officers and sniffer dogs will take to the streets to ask for the public's help and crack down on this criminal activity. The council also aims to educate the public about how to spot illegal tobacco, what the dangers are, and how to report sales. The Illegal Tobacco Roadshow will start in Banbury and go around the county. Illegal tobacco makes it easier for children to start smoking, as it is sold at cheap prices, and it also makes communities more attractive to criminals, who may have links to organised crime groups. Reports suggest that illegal tobacco is an important part of Organised Criminal Groups' portfolios. Far from being a victimless crime, this illicit trade is connected to drug trafficking, money laundering, firearms and other crimes that threaten communities and endanger lives. Pocket money prices pose threat to children and communities. Anyone wishing to report the selling of illegal tobacco can do so anonymously online to Trading Standards at www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk or call the Illegal Tobacco Hotline on 0300 999 6 999. For more information check: <http://www.stop-illegal-tobacco.co.uk/>

HELP SOMEONE GET ONLINE – BE A DIGITAL HELPER AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Oxfordshire County Council recently launched a campaign to recruit ‘digital helpers’ in libraries to boost the confidence and skills of those who need extra help to get online. Volunteers able to give up just a few hours a week are being sought at branches across the county to provide one-to-one support for people with little or no experience of using computers or the internet. The aim of the campaign is to help people:

- access services online – including council services
- access employment or training opportunities
- become more independent
- reduce isolation

To find out more or to sign up as a Digital Helper visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/digitalhelper

OXFORD’S NEW WESTGATE CENTRE OPENS

Traders welcomed a bumper weekend at Oxford’s new Westgate as thousands of people packed the shopping centre on its first weekend in operation. Shops and restaurant chains said interest from customers had exceeded expectations, with business more brisk than at any other opening they had experienced. Some 60 out of 125 shops and restaurants at the £440m shopping centre opened on Tuesday 24th October, with others opening since, and thousands of people took advantage of their first opportunity to have a look around. Councils, transport operators and Westgate have been working closely on a coordinating travel plans aimed at making it as easy as possible to visit the Westgate and minimising journey times into the heart of Oxford. The best way to travel into the city centre is to use the park and rides or public transport wherever possible. New variable message signs have been installed on the outskirts of Oxfordshire to update people on space availability on the park and ride sites nearby and to direct them there. There are also temporary signs within the ring road which give directions, for those who have chosen not to use the park and rides, to city centre and Westgate. There’s more information on travelling to the Westgate at:
<https://westgateoxford.co.uk/your-visit/getting-here>

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Goring Parish Council - Goring High St – Report

2 Nov'17

Proposed High St roadworks

We are still seeking to get a fee from OCC Highways to prepare the drawings and specification for the proposed works to enable the construction costs to be established.

I have recently received complaints from local people about safety concerns in the High St with cars parked on double yellow lines and on the footpath and would ask our chairman Kevin Bulmer to rattle some one's cage.

Linked to this matter, as a result of reviewing the Neighbourhood Plan I picked up on the proposed Strategic Project related to Traffic congestion and Parking and looked into the powers of a Parish Council (PC) to issue fixed penalty fines, we do not really have any apart from litter and dog fouling,

However District Councils can adopt Civil Enforcement Powers to issue fines, further it would appear that there are 327 Councils in England and SODC is one of less than twenty two who have not adopted these powers.

I believe SODC do not progress this matter as insufficient Councils register their concern, however as I raised this matter at a recent Town & Parish Council Forum a show of hands indicated that a number of towns and villages in SODC have similar problems. I would therefore propose that we contact all other Councils in SODC to see if they will join with us in lobbying SODC to adopt these powers including writing to our MP.

Below is my proposed text for an e-mail to other Councils.

Footpath from the High St to Wheel Orchard car park

Thanks to Stephanie B, BT have cleared the fencing of ivy etc.

Large vehicles through the High St

I would like to investigate the introduction of weight activated cameras on the main routes through Goring & Streatley, which could be used to enforce vehicle weight restrictions.

Other vehicle movements that create problems are large coaches & agricultural machines, which I believe use our river crossing as a short cut.

Installation of posts in the verge adjacent to the Rectory Gardens

After communication with the Village Hall trustees they offered to trial the use of plastic cones, which they will have set out along the verge when events occur at the Hall to discourage vehicles parking.

Community Centre car park

Local businesses who indicated an interest in taking parking spaces have been issued with leases, unfortunately the take up is slow.

General

Loosely associated with the High St, as a result of a recent meeting the problem of drug use was raised with the rear of the arcade and Gardiner Rec highlighted as locations that are used by people.

It appears that on Gardiner, dog walkers and Keith the groundsman regularly pick up empty wine bottles, sandwich wrappers (it is believed purchased from Tesco's) and discarded material used for drugs, which could be a danger to young children or dogs innocently using the grounds.

Although it appears to be generally acknowledged as an issue I wonder if it is time to ask the police to investigate to raise the profile of the matter.

Cllr David Brooker

Proposed e-m to Town & Parish Councils:

Dear Town/Parish Clerk

I recently attended the Town & Parish Forum organised by SODC at which I raised with Cllr Cotton the matter of illegal parking in our village, pointing out that SODC had no authority to issue fines and that we could not rely on the police to deal with the matter.

I commented to Cllr Cotton that SODC was 1 of 22 Councils out of 327 in England who had not adopted Civil Enforcement Powers, which he appeared to find amusing advising and that this matter was raised every couple of years.

Unfortunately, Cllr Cotton endeavoured to cloud the matter by advising that they could not afford to adopt these powers but when pressed indicated that they could use money from their Business rates and it could take six months to implement but then smiled and closed the meeting.

From comments by another District Councillor it appears that SODC do not pursue this matter as they do not think enough Town & Parish Councils have a problem.

When I was speaking I got the impression by a show of hands that a number of Councils do have a problem with illegal parking and other traffic concerns and would like to be able to take some action i.e. issue fines, to seek to address the problem.

Therefore, my purpose for contacting you, is to establish if you as a Council have problems with illegal parking or over weight vehicle movement through your Town/Village and would be interested in forming a lobby group.

My initial thoughts are, to limit time being spent on this matter, I would produce a letter, which I would circulate for comment/amendment/agreement which we would then, as a lobby group, send to SODC copied to our MP.

I trust that you will consider the above worthy of consideration and I await your response.

Regards

Cllr David Brooker

Goring on Thames Parish Council

Recreation Issues - November 2017 Update

Gardiner Recreation Ground

One of the trees on the south side of the Gardiner has been reported as unsafe. This is being investigated. The Cricket Club has raised concerns about the use of the Gardiner for the George Michael event.

Sheepcot Recreation Ground

GPC has received a complaint about litter and dog-poo at Sheepcot. We have frequently debated whether to keep, or to remove, litter bins. Neither seem to prevent the spreading of litter. What should we do?

Bourdillon Field

The replacement swings were installed on October 10, and we have received a letter of thanks from a parent, who says the children are very pleased with them.

Rectory Garden

Our arboriculturalist (tree expert), John Morris from the Chilterns Society, visited Goring on November 2 2017, and inspected the lime trees in the Rectory Garden to consider raising the crown and thinning the branches of the overgrown trees. His initial comments were that reducing the height of the trees would not be practical, but crown raising would allow more light into the garden. A few lower branches could be removed, and there were dead branches which need to be removed. He would make specific recommendations for each of the 9 remaining mature lime trees, and send us a report, expected shortly. I propose that quotations be obtained for the work he might suggest, so that GPC knows the potential cost, and can consider an application to SODC for approval at the December meeting.

Children's Recreation Equipment

The working party met in October , and minutes of the meeting are attached. It is proposed that the three items of recreation equipment for the 7-11 age group be installed in the south east corner of the Gardiner Recreation Ground. A budget item of £40k has been requested for this project.

Lawrie Reavill

06.11.2017

Children's Recreation Equipment - Notes on a Working Party meeting on October 24th. 2017

Present: Lawrie Reavill (LR); John Wills (JW); David Brooker (DB).

Apologies: Mary Bulmer; Carmella Boff.

Equipment

LR opened the meeting stating that consideration of additional children's recreation equipment had been suspended last year due to GPC's financial problems. Next year's budget would be decided at the November GPC meeting. The earlier decision was that three units of new children's recreation equipment would be installed: a zip wire; a climbing frame; and swings. JW thought the zip wire would not be much used, though the one at Pangbourne appeared popular, and the zip-wire was top of the children's "wish-list". JW suggested consideration of a roundabout, or an activity trail and log walk as recently installed at Streatley. LR agreed to check the cost of this. [Later found to be £7,684].

Location

The location originally chosen was the south-east corner of the Gardiner Recreation Ground, near the pavilion. LR said that some parents had favoured the Bourdillon Field, but this was impractical while this area was being considered as a possible site for a new school. JW was concerned about possible vandalism, but this was felt to be a matter for the police.

Cost

The cost estimated last year for the project was about £40,000. The estimates would require updating. It was agreed that £40k would be requested as an item in the 2018/9 budget.

Designer

It was agreed that a designer was not needed for a three item installation. However, it was agreed that if a designer could obtain a better deal from a supplier, one should be employed.

Lawrie Reavill

02.11.2016

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council					
Accounts for payment October 2017					
Payee	Description			Amount	Date Ref
Current Account					
BDO LLP	External audit fee	2510		£ 720.00	05/10/2017 BACS164/17
BGG Garden & Tree Care	Litter picking August	3560		£ 460.80	06/10/2017 BACS166/17
Bryan Urbick	Expenses Freedom Award	2300		£ 150.00	19/10/2017 BACS182/17
C Ratcliff	Salary	2310	£ 1,395.25		
C Ratcliff	Car Allowance	2110	£ 20.00	£ 1,415.25	31/12/2017 BACS181/17
C Ratcliff	Expenses	var		£ 71.46	02/10/2017 BACS159/17
C Fox	Salary	2310		£ 210.80	31/10/2017 BACS180/17
Complete Weed Control	Street weeding	3110		£ 492.00	06/10/2017 BACS169/17
First Line IT	Email link to website	2240		£ 5.94	06/10/2017 BACS165/17
Goring Gap in Bloom	S.137 Grant	3330		£ 400.00	06/10/2017 BACS167/17
Goring Robins FC	Grant re defibrillator	3330		£ 375.00	19/10/2017 BACS173/17
Goring Village Hall	Room bookings	2540		£ 53.00	24/10/2017 BACS183/17
HMRC	PAYE & NI	2310		£ 819.71	31/10/2017 BACS178/17
J M Krzak	Cleaning	2310		£ 430.81	31/10/2017 BACS179/17
M & C Landscapes	Grass Cutting September	3110		£ 1,661.72	06/10/2017 BACS170/17
M & C Landscapes	Grass Cutting June (late invoice)	3110		£ 1,661.74	11/10/2017 BACS171/17
Readibus	Grant	3350		£ 350.00	19/10/2017 BACS177/17
Safe & Sound	Swings - Bourdillon	4211		£ 4,068.00	19/10/2017 BACS174/17
SODC	Dog waste bins July - Sept 2017	3560		£ 100.46	11/10/2017 BACS172/17
SSE	Street Lights Maintenance September	3420		£ 1,033.62	19/10/2017 BACS175/17
SSE	Street Light Quarterly rechargeable repairs	3420		£ 177.70	18/10/2017 BACS176/17
Swift Office Stuff	Office supplies	var		£ 62.54	06/10/2017 BACS168/17
Direct Debits/Standing Orders					
Biff Bang Pow	Website hosting package monthly fee	2240		£ 26.10	02/10/2017 DD
British Gas	Gas OJFS	2260		£ 39.87	30/10/2017 DD
Castle Water	Water WHBG	2260		£ 2.57	23/10/2017 DD
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Pavilion	2260		£ 106.29	12/10/2017 DD
Castle Water	Water Gardiner Sprinkler	2260		£ 111.57	12/10/2017 DD
Castle Water	Water Sheepcot Pavilion	2260		£ 104.57	12/10/2017 DD
Castle Water	Water OJFS	2260		£ 12.60	12/10/2017 DD
Grundon Waste Management	Skip WHBG	3560		£ 369.18	20/10/2017 DD
Mainstream Digital	Phone	2240		£ 1.66	16/10/2017 DD
NEST	Pension Contributions	2310		£ 35.19	03/10/2017 DD
NEST	Pension Contributions	2310		£ 35.19	23/10/2017 DD
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 51.00		
SODC	Business rates	2290	£ 84.00	£ 135.00	01/10/2017 DD
SSE	Street lights unmetered electricity	3420		£ 341.05	20/10/2017 DD
Talk Talk	Broadband	2240		£ 22.31	10/10/2017 DD
Utility Warehouse	Gas Gardiner & Sheepcot	2260		£ 35.89	31/10/2017 DD
Xerox Finance	Quarterly Lease Copier / Printer	2210		£ 90.58	02/10/2017 DD
Xerox Finance	Credit for poor service	2210		-£ 60.00	27/10/2017 DD
Neighbourhood Plan					
Xerox (UK)	Copier Printer Usage	4903		£ 168.07	27/10/2017 DD
Total:				£ 16,298.24	

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council					
Receipts received October 2017					
From	Description	Code	Date	Ref	Amount
Howard Chadwick	Interment - Engleman	1130	11/10/2017	Inv 1118	£994.15
AB Walker	Memorial - Adcock	1130	06/10/2017	Inv 1117	£62.78
ES Webb	Interment - Montague	1130	11/10/2017	Inv 1116	£361.04
TSB	Bank Interest	1190	09/10/2017	DC	£2.12
Goring CE School	Signs donation	1132	16/10/2017	DC	£829.01
HMRC	VAT refund	105	24/10/2017	DC	£1,557.21
Mark Poles	Community Centre Car Park	1135	26/10/2017	Inv 1120	£372.00
Richard Wilson	Community Centre Car Park	1135	31/10/2017	Inv 1119	£1,488.00
				Total:	£5,666.31

Goring on Thames Parish Council**Monthly Report Bank Account and Reserves Balances**As at: **31 October 2017****Reconciled Bank Account Balances**

Current TSB		£47,106.47
TSB Reserves		£81,326.90
Unpresented Payments		£0.00
Unpresented Receipts		£0.00
VAT Control Account		£2,630.43
Total		£131,063.80

Earmarked Reserves (Capital and Contingency)

Operating Reserve Account	R	£50,000.00
Rectory Garden	R	£1,000.00
Ferry Lane Riverbank Repairs	R	£0.00
Ferry Lane Fence	R	£750.00
Tree Purchase and Replacement	R	£12,500.00
Playground Equipment	C	£11,267.00
Weir Legal Fees	R	£5,809.90

Total Revenue Reserves		£70,059.90
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Total Capital Reserves		£11,267.00
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Total Reserves		£81,326.90
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General Funds Available		£49,736.90
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1 Meeting the standards

Expected Standard	Evidence of Achievement	Areas for development
1. Scope of internal audit	<p>Terms of reference were (re)approved by full council/board on [date]</p> <p>Scope of audit work takes into account risk management processes and wider internal control.</p> <p>Terms of reference define audit responsibilities in relation to fraud</p>	
2. Independence	<p>Internal Auditor has direct access to those charged with governance (see Financial Regulations).</p> <p>Reports are made in own name to management.</p> <p>Auditor does not have any other role within the council/board.</p>	
3. Competence	<p>No evidence that internal audit work has not been carried out ethically, with integrity and objectivity.</p>	
4. Relationships	<p>Responsible officers (Clerk, RFO, CFO, CEO etc) are consulted on the internal audit plan and on the scope of each audit. (Evidence is on audit files).</p> <p>Responsibilities for officers and internal audit are defined in relation to internal control, risk management and fraud and corruption matters.</p> <p>The responsibilities of board/council members are understood; training of members is carried out as necessary. (See Member training plan).</p>	
5 Audit Planning and reporting	<p>The Audit Plan properly takes account of corporate risk.</p> <p>The plan has been approved by the board/council [date].</p> <p>Internal Audit has reported in accordance with the plan on [date]</p>	

2 Characteristics of Effectiveness

Characteristics of 'effectiveness'	Evidence of Achievement	Areas for development
Internal audit work is planned	Planned Internal audit work is based on risk assessment and designed to meet the body's governance assurance needs.	
Understanding the whole organisation its needs and objectives	The annual audit plan demonstrates how audit work will provide assurance in relation to the body's annual governance statement.	
Be seen as a catalyst for change	Supportive role of audit for corporate developments such as corporate governance review, risk management and ethics.	
Add value and assist the organisation in achieving its objectives	Demonstrated through positive management responses to recommendations and follow up action where called for.	
Be forward looking	When identifying risks and in formulating the annual audit plan, changes on national agenda are considered. Internal audit maintains awareness of new developments in the services, risk management and corporate governance.	
Be challenging	Internal audit focuses on risks and encourages managers/members to develop their own responses to risks, rather than relying solely on audit recommendations. The aim of this is to encourage greater ownership of the control environment.	
Ensure the right resources are available	Adequate resource is made available for internal audit to complete its work. internal auditor understands the body and the legal and corporate framework in which it operates.	

Reviewed and adopted on: _____

Note: Review of effectiveness of internal audit must be reviewed and adopted by council/meeting/board/body annually during the financial year and before 31 March.

Goring Gap in Bloom

Report on 2017 activities and 2018 Funding Request to Goring on Thames Parish Council

Report

During the 2017 planting season Goring Gap in Bloom have been involved in many activities, including

A fundraising plant sale.

Planting, feeding and watering 38 hanging baskets.

Planting, feeding and watering numerous troughs around the villages.

Continuing to develop the wildflower area on the BT site.

Generally improving the area in the vicinity of the path from the car park to the village centre.

Overcoming various problems in order to achieve an initial planting scheme at the station.

Applying for grants, writing detailed risk assessments, negotiating permissions etc

Tending the new planted area on the Gardiner Rec.

Entering Britain in Bloom and achieving a Gold Award (while being filmed by a TV crew)

Attending a seminar about the Britain in Bloom aims, successes and methods.

All of our activities enhance the appearance of the public and green areas of the village but perhaps more importantly they nourish community participation, environmental awareness and social activity in public areas. Our work also contributes to the village economy by providing a more welcoming environment for visitors and businesses to enjoy. These are all achievements which contribute to the success of the parish council.

Request for funding

We thank the council for their funding this year. This has been used to pay for items such as the plants and compost that filled the baskets and troughs in the village, basic costs such as insurance and entry fees, and some labour costs for installing the baskets. Projects, including the BT site, the replacement of the baskets and the station planting, have been paid for by fundraising or grants. The volunteers' labour is, of course, free!

Attached is a detailed budget showing the expenditure this year and our projected costs next year. In order for the council to pay for the same range of expenses as this year, we are requesting funding of £1422, made up of direct payments to suppliers and a grant-in-kind.

2017 Actual Expenditure			
Fixed Expenses	Basic	VAT	Total
Insurance	£113	£23	£135
Labour (GPC funded)	£131	£26	£158
Autumn labour (GPC funded)	£83	£17	£100
Bowser maintenance	£17	£3	£20
Competition entry	£42	£8	£50
Judging expenses	£96	£19	£115
Banner/web site	£174	£35	£209
Total fixed	£655	£131	£786
Basket/planting expenses			
38 baskets			
Basket bill GPC paid Savages	£620	£124	£744
Baskets bill SPC paid Savages	£300	£60	£360
Baskets GGINB purchases	£154	£31	£185
Tubs/other planting costs	£312	£62	£375
Total	£2,042	£408	£2,450
Income:		2017	
Village Hall/Library	£58	£12	£70
Arcade	£192	£38	£230
Estate agents	£175	£35	£210
Total	£425	£85	£510
Total needed to cover expenditure			£1,940
Funding	Basic	VAT	Total
GPC provided labour	£215	£43	£258
GPC part Savages bill paid	£620	£124	£744
SPC part of Savages bill paid	£300	£60	£360
			£1,362
Funding gap			£578
GPC expected total for labour/Savages (ex VAT)			£835
Budget figure (£1247) - expected total			£412
Grant in kind funding from GPC for 2017 (GGinB to make up rest of funding gap.)			£400

2018 Budget			
Fixed Expenses	Basic	VAT	Total
Insurance	£113	£23	£135
Labour (basket handling)	£208	£42	£250
Competition costs	£142	£28	£170
Bowser maintenance	£125	£25	£150
Total fixed	£588	£118	£705
Basket/planting expenses (5% increase in plant prices)			
38 baskets			
Savages bill	£1,128	£226	£1,353
Summer troughs/ground	£250	£50	£300
Winter troughs/ground	£125	£25	£150
Total costs	£2,090	£418	£2,508
Expected Income:			2018
Village Hall/Library	£50	£10	£60
Arcade	£192	£38	£230
Estate agents	£175	£35	£210
Total expected income	£417	£83	£500
Funding needed	£1,673	£335	£2,008
Request to SPC (+5%)	£315	£63	£378
Request to GPC	£1,358	£272	£1,630
Made up by:			
Labour (basket handling)	£208	£42	£250
Savages plants (est)	£833	£167	1000
Grant in kind	£317	£63	£380
Cost to GPC after VAT claimed (208+833+380)			£1,422
All costs relate to baskets/troughs around village/Gardiner garden.			
Costs for station and BT site are separately funded by GGINB.			

Goring-on-Thames Parish Council

Actuals based on information 03/10/2017

Current Yr (revised budget) and Next Yr Budget

By Centre

	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 (Current Year)			2018-19 (Next Year) Budget
		Budget	Actual YTD	Revised Budget	
180 Income					
1130 White Hill Burial Ground	£ 8,424	£ 14,525	£ 7,743	£ 15,000	£ 15,000
					Note: c. £15k is GPC portion of current CIL demands older than 6 months, + defib for Gatehampton
1132 Grants/CIL /S106	£ 39,147	£ 10,000	£ 31,780	£ 33,000	£ 23,850
1134 Miscellaneous Income Other	£ 11,462	£ 500	£ 75	£ 500	£ 500
1135 Community Car Park	£ 6,300	£ 6,000	-£ 125	£ 4,500	£ 5,500
1140 Miscellaneous Property Income	£ 136	£ 150	£ 127	£ 200	£ 200
1141 Gardiner Ground and Pavilion	£ 2,348	£ 2,000	£ 2,636	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
1143 Sheepcot Ground and Pavilion	£ 3,554	£ 3,500	£ 3,117	£ 3,500	£ 3,500
					£10.62/yr Band D increase/£0.89 per month increase. 15% increase in household charge/18% increase in Precept - inflation, 'catching up', taking on more responsibilities, High Street and other NP strategic projects, and Sheepcot
1176 Precept	£ 93,202	£ 95,066	£ 95,066	£ 95,066	£ 112,178
1190 Interest Received	£ 234	£ 100	£ 17	£ 50	£ 60
Total Income	£ 164,807	£ 131,841	£ 140,436	£ 154,816	£ 163,788
101 Allowances & Expenses					
2110 Allowances Expenses Training	£ 698	£ 750	£ 271	£ 600	£ 600
Total Allowances & Expenses	£ 698	£ 750	£ 271	£ 600	£ 600
102 Administration					
2200 Security, Fire & Safety	£ 280	£ 800	£ 58	£ 600	£ 630
2210 Postage, copies and printing	£ 416	£ 660	£ 284	£ 600	£ 630
2240 Telephone & Internet	£ 667	£ 800	£ 412	£ 750	£ 600
2250 Office Equipment, Software etc	£ 658	£ 1,000	£ 58	£ 650	£ 750
2270 Insurance	£ 2,153	£ 2,400	£ 1,967	£ 1,967	£ 2,050
2290 Rates & Taxes	£ 1,319	£ 2,000	£ 950	£ 2,000	£ 2,050
2300 Miscellaneous Expenditure	£ 150	£ 150	£ 19	£ 150	£ 175
2510 Audit & Accountancy Fees	£ 1,057	£ 1,750	£ 797	£ 1,400	£ 1,450
2520 Legal Fees	£ 25,988	£ 1,500	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
2540 Hire of Meeting Room	£ 300	£ 750	£ 117	£ 350	£ 450
Awards and honours	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,500	
2550 Publications	£ 77	£ 100	£ -	£ 100	£ 100
Total Administration	£ 33,065	£ 11,910	£ 4,662	£ 11,067	£ 9,885
103 Staff					
2310 Staff Costs	£ 30,145	£ 32,500	£ 15,306	£ 32,500	£ 34,125

	Total Staff Costs	£	30,145	£	32,500	£	15,306	£	32,500	£	34,125
104 Subscriptions											
2410 Subscriptions		£	738	£	1,000	£	600	£	850	£	850
	Total Subscriptions	£	738	£	1,000	£	600	£	850	£	850
202 Village Maintenance											
2260 Utilities - Gas, Water, Electr		£	4,957	£	6,800	£	3,074	£	6,800	£	6,800
2295 Inspections Surveys & Reports		£	106	£	500	£	42	£	500	£	500
2570 OJFS Sundries & Maintenance		£	219	£	2,600	£	413	£	1,200	£	1,200
2600 Vandalism		£	413	£	750	£	120	£	750	£	500
3100 Misc Burial Ground Costs		£	460	£	500	£	8	£	500	£	500
3110 Grass Weeding Strimming Fertil		£	14,210	£	15,000	£	6,945	£	12,000	£	12,600
3120 Hedges/Fences/Paddocks/Gates		£	500	£	1,500	£	470	£	1,250	£	1,250
3170 General Maintenance & Repair		£	2,327	£	5,000	£	1,038	£	4,850	£	3,000
3210 Grave Digging		£	1,333	£	5,600	£	706	£	3,500	£	3,500
High Street (traffic calming, bollards, etc)		£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	12,000
Community Safety initiatives		£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-	£	2,000
3420 Street Lighting		£	14,386	£	16,500	£	6,057	£	15,000	£	15,500
3525 Trees		£	1,895	£	3,000	£	-	£	2,000	£	1,500
3560 Waste / Litter / Street Cleani		£	9,481	£	6,000	£	2,638	£	6,000	£	7,000
3562 Winter & Flooding		£	-	£	600	£	-	£	600	£	600
3650 Car Park		£	2,150	£	2,500	£	1,260	£	2,500	£	2,500
3910 Street Furniture & Seats		£	1,481	£	2,250	£	1,847	£	2,250	£	2,250
4211 Playground Equipment		£	814	£	-	£	158	£	4,200	£	500
	Total Village Maintenance	£	54,732	£	69,100	£	24,776	£	63,900	£	73,700
203 Grants											
3310 Churches S214(6) LG Act 1972		£	-	£	50	£	-	£	50	£	50
3330 S137 and Other Grant Payments		£	5,122	£	8,000	£	3,041	£	12,000	£	12,200
3350 Transport S26-29 LGR Act 1997		£	700	£	800	£	350	£	700	£	800
	Total Grants	£	5,822	£	8,850	£	3,391	£	12,750	£	13,050
400 Neighbourhood Plan											
4900 Meetings NP		£	99	£	-	£	-	£	-		
4901 Printing NP		£	1,855	£	-	£	-	£	-		
4902 Consultancy NP		£	10,061	£	3,055	£	2,130	£	5,000		
4903 Printing / Exhibitions NP		£	2,114	£	875	£	185	£	2,000		
4904 Research Materials NP		£	47	£	-	£	-	£	-		
4905 Examination Preparartion NP		£	-	£	-	£	-	£	-		
4906 Referendum Preparation NP		£	-	£	2,000	£	-	£	2,500		
4908 Misc Expenses/ purchases NP		£	1,268	£	620	£	120	£	1,000		

£6000 School feasibility, £2000 Gap Fest, £600 Christmas lighting

GGIB £1500, £5000 School, £4000 Gap Fest, £700 Christmas lighting, £1000 Others

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GORING on THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

GRANTS POLICY

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Goring on Thames Parish Council has a limited budget for the award of grants. The Council can only award grants using certain legal powers and must be confident that any grant awarded will directly benefit those who live or work in Goring.
- 1.2 Grants will be considered as and when they are received by the Parish Council Clerk and must meet the Council's grant criteria set out below.
- 1.3 This policy sets out the general principles and approach that the Parish Council will follow in respect of grants in the Parish.

2 Grant philosophy

- 2.1 The Council is aware that it does not have the financial resource to fund every request, and must often make difficult decisions as to which projects and organisations to prioritise to provide grant funding.
- 2.2 Rather than provide a large number of small grants across a wider number of projects and organisations, in order to have the greatest impact in the Goring on Thames Parish, the Council will choose fewer projects and provide larger grants.

2 Grant requests

- 2.1 All grant requests must be made in writing and submitted to the Clerk. This can be by post, or by e-mail.
- 2.2 The request must clearly indicate the purpose of the grant, details of the organisation or group, other sources of funding for the group or project, the amount requested, and how that grant will specifically benefit those who live or work in Goring. If all information is not provided, the request will be rejected by the Clerk, though the request can be resubmitted with all the necessary information.
- 2.3 When the Parish Council Clerk determines the request meets the grant criteria, the Clerk will then present the qualifying grant request for consideration at a full Parish Council meeting.

3 Grant assessment

- 3.1 All applications will be considered on their merits, but in general grants will be awarded for projects, such as the purchase of equipment, works to community

buildings, improvements to premises. In addition, the Council may support a community event, festival or other special event. Grants towards running costs, salaries or consumables, may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

- 3.2 Grants will be awarded to voluntary groups and societies, clubs, not-for-profit organisations, service or charities operating in the Goring on Thames Parish area where the benefit will be specifically for this area. This list is not exclusive, and may be added to at the Council's discretion.
- 3.3 The Council will determine the request by considering:
 - 3.3.1 How well the grant will meet the needs of the community, providing positive, impactful benefit to those who live and work in the Parish.
 - 3.3.2 How effectively the group will use the grant.
 - 3.3.3 Whether costs are appropriate and realistic.
 - 3.3.4 What the level of contributions has been, or will be, raised and supported locally
 - 3.3.5 Whether the organisation or group could reasonably have been expected to obtain sufficient funding from another, perhaps more appropriate source.
- 3.4 The Parish Council will take into account any previous grant made to an organisation or group when considering a new application.
- 3.5 No grant will be awarded to or for any commercial venture or for private gain.
- 3.6 Retrospective applications will not be funded where the expenditure has been made, the project has been carried out or the event has taken place.
- 3.7 Grants will not be awarded to individuals or to regional or national charities unless it is for a specific project in the Parish or where there will be obvious, specific benefit to the Council's area. Groups from outside the Parish who can demonstrate direct benefit to the area may request a grant, though priority will be given to local groups and organisations.

4 Decisions

- 4.1 All grants and their amounts are awarded at the Parish Council's discretion. Goring on Thames Parish Council's decision is final and there is no right of appeal.
- 4.2 Only one request for a grant will be considered from any group or organisation in any 12 month period.

5 Review of the policy

- 5.1 This policy was adopted by the Parish Council at its meeting on

_____ and will be reviewed annually.

From: G V Hall

Sent: 14 October 2017 13:03

To: Clerk

Cc: Bryan Urbick

Subject: GVH Forecourt Stalls

Dear Colin

Bill Norman, GVH Booking Secretary, has had a request from a local craftsman (Mark Cotterel, who makes wood products, such as brooms etc.) to have a stall outside GVH on a Saturday morning. We already have the local farm produce stall from 09:00 to 13:00, but only when there are no functions in the halls. On function days this stall is set up on Rectory Gardens, along the lines of the agreement the Council requested for GVH to help encourage use of the Gardens.

I am reluctant to have another stall outside GVH as I can see the management of this becoming onerous, so I wonder if the best course of action would be to allow the use of Rectory Gardens for both stalls, with the possibility of more to come? This would produce a small amount of income for the Council, if approved.

Please can you lobby for views from the Council and let me know the outcome before I move on this.

Regards

Bernard Novell

Chairman of the Goring Village Hall Trustees

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Recreation Ground Charges / Tariff: All Including VAT

The 'day rates' are the following for those individuals or entities that are local (within the Goring-on-Thames Parish):

	Charity	Non-profit/ quasi-comm'l	Commercial/ for profit
Gardiner			
Recreation Ground	£91.57	£183.13	£366.27
Pavilion	£26.16	£52.32	£104.65
Sheepcot			
Recreation Ground	£104.65	£209.30	£418.59
Pavilion	£26.16	£502.32	£104.65
Bourdillon Field	£31.39	£62.79	£125.58
Rectory Garden	-	£104.65	£209.30
Combined with Village Hall	-	-	£10.00 per hour to the GVH

Hourly rates are charged at 1/5th the day rate.

There is a 25% increase for non-local individuals or entities.

Total costs are 'weighted up' by up to 25% for events that have damage potential – eg a fairground that has large commercial vehicles/caravans. The potential for damage and the up-lit percentage will be determined by the Clerk. If there are questions about the amount, the Clerk will consult one other Councillor.

Effective from 1/8/2017.
 Reviewed annually.

Email from Ron Bridle

8 October 2017

Dear Colin,

Now we have another Gold award, I'm still pursuing the idea of producing a 'Community Awards Board' for displaying our various awards.

As the old TSB bank is under offer, there may be a possibility that the new owner may allow the board to be fixed to the wall, or at least on legs near the wall, to the left of the postbox.

If the location is a possibility, or another suitable one, do you think the council might consider funding it such a board, bearing in mind it could double up as the Goring Freeman board which has no room for any further names?

Kind regards,

Ron.



Goring-on-Thames Community Awards

1970 Winner, Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition
1985 Finalist, Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition
1985 Winner, Best Oxfordshire Recreation Ground, Best Kept Village Competition
1988 Finalist, Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition
1989 Finalist, Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition
1990 Finalist, Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition
1997 Winner, Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition
1997 Winner, Midlands Region, National Best Kept Village Competition
1998 Specially Commended, Best Nature Conservation Area, Oxfordshire CPRE
1998 Winner, Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition
1999 Winner, Oxfordshire Best Kept Village Competition
2009 Winner, South Region, Communication Category, Village of the Year
2009 Winner, South Region, Sustainability Category, Village of the Year
2009 Winner, South Region, Environment Category, Village of the Year
2009/10 Winner, Oxfordshire, Village of the Year Competition
2009/10 Winner, South of England, Village of the Year Competition
2012 Silver Gilt Award, Thames & Chilterns Region, Britain in Bloom Competition
2012 Winner, Community Celebrations Regional Award, Britain in Bloom Competition
2013 Gold Award, Thames & Chilterns Region, Britain in Bloom Competition
2013 Regional Winner, Clean & Tidy Award, Britain in Bloom Competition
2014 Silver Gilt Award, Thames & Chilterns Region, Britain in Bloom Competition
2014 Best Community Involvement Regional Award, Britain in Bloom Competition
2015 Gold Award, Thames & Chilterns Region, Britain in Bloom Competition
2015 Best in Category, Small Town Regional Award, Britain in Bloom Competition
2017 Gold Award, Thames & Chilterns Region, Britain in Bloom Competition

To Goring Parish Council

24th October 2017

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am writing with regard to your regulations (which I have read) regarding posters/advertising around the village.

I can agree with the points regarding safety issues and posters staying up when out of date.

I would point out however, that regarding 3.1.3.1, I regularly see the same posters on telegraph posts and everywhere else possible well before the planned date, why do they remain in place?

However, my particular difficulty is in understanding the purpose of paragraph 3.1.2 which states:-

Advertisements for any events to be held outside of the Local Area (defined as Goring, Streatley, South Stoke, and Moultsford) will be removed immediately . !!!

Having seen the same posters being relentlessly put up outside the areas you mention above for **events in Goring**, I ask myself where is the reciprocity and friendliness with our neighbours in the Goring Gap?

It seems to me that there are double standards favouring some and not others which to me smacks of a Monopoly. And where would the village be if other areas outside those you stipulate above refused to allow Goring to advertise the Festival and other events which go on in Goring.

I ask myself where is the fairness, the diversity and inclusion **of all** in your regulations and in your execution of them.

Regards,

Mrs. Weetman.

Goring resident for over 30 years

From: Jeremy Lynch
Sent: 23 October 2017 22:08
To: Clerk
Subject: CF: - Web Enquiry
Subject: Commemorative bench

Message: Dear Sir/Madam

I wonder if you could possibly advise as to the procedure for erecting a commemorative bench, ideally along the river towpath, in memory of my father who died recently.

Kind regards,

Jeremy Lynch

On 24 Oct 2017, at 15:33, Clerk <clerk@goringpc.org> wrote:

Dear Mr Lynch,

Thank you for your email.

The council welcome donations of funds towards memorial benches but seek some control over where they are placed to be of greatest benefit to the village at any given time.

Currently they are seeking more benches in Gardiner Recreation Ground children's play area.

The river towpath is owned by the Environment Agency whose permission would also be required but the council are not currently supporting new benches there.

If you would be interested in reconsidering the location I would be happy to find out current costs for the council's preferred style of bench. The ownership has to be with the council in order to comply with planning regulations.

Kind regards,

Colin Ratcliff

Clerk

From: Jeremy Lynch
Sent: 26 October 2017 17:53
To: Clerk
Subject: Re: - Web Enquiry

Dear Mr Ratcliff,

Thanks very much for your swift reply to my enquiry. Whilst I completely understand your desire to put benches where they are most needed, I hope you will appreciate that a children's play area is not necessarily somewhere one would choose for a moment of quiet reflection. Indeed I think I'd feel quite awkward sitting on such a bench without accompanying children!

So I wonder if you could suggest any alternative locations that might be more appropriate but still bring significant benefit to the community?

Thank you in advance for your continued help with this matter.

Kind regards,

Jeremy

From: Phil Rogers

Sent: 02 November 2017 08:12

To: Clerk

Subject: Bench, Burial Ground

Dear Colin,

It was very nice to meet you last week at Whitehills.

As discussed I would appreciate your guidance as to whether the council would approve for a new bench to be set up in the space we discussed, adjacent to my wife's memorial stone: Stephanie Rogers. To me it would seem a good location because of the symmetry with the other two benches already placed on that side of the burial site. I would of course be prepared to make the donation to the council so that a new bench could be purchased in memory of my wife, subject of course to council's approval.

Please let me know if you have any questions otherwise I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards,

Phil (Rogers)

31st October 2017

Dear Kevin

I am writing to formally express my gratitude to the Council for the lovely reception that was arranged to mark the Freedom of the Village award last Wednesday.

The evening was beautifully organised and the refreshments were excellent. It appeared they were very much appreciated by all who attended.

It was a delight to see so many villagers and councillors enjoying the convivial event and it was also good to see old colleagues and other volunteers reunited. There were a few trips down memory lane made that night!

Such happy events do not happen without the hard work of those involved. I would particularly like to thank Bryan, Colin and Gill for organising the party so perfectly; Deanne, who I gather, provided the lovely food and, of course, your good self for your kind words and hospitality.

Finally, I look forward to enjoying my Freedom for as long as the council decrees but trust that if the use of the silken noose is anticipated your team will organise a hanging party of the same excellent standard!

Kind regards,

Stephanie

Neighbourhood Plan – November GPC Update

The Plan and Sustainability Appraisal have now been published for the 6-week Reg14 Consultation which will end at 1700 on Wednesday 13th December. Copies of the Plan are available on the website and at the library and GPC office. In addition, a brochure summarising the Plan and next steps is being delivered to every household in Goring. It encourages as many residents as possible to comment on the Plan via the website link (our preferred option), standard feedback forms or by letter to the Clerk.

All feedback during this consultation period will be recorded, reviewed and the Plan and SA updated if appropriate. It is hoped to re-issue the Plan and SA plus a Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation Report to SODC at the end of January for the statutory Reg16 consultation. If all goes smoothly we expect the referendum to be in the Spring.

In October SODC issued the results of its current Strategic Housing Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) and the results for Goring are below. It identifies a huge amount of land surrounding Goring which it believes is **suitable** for development. The details can be found on the SODC website. Further analysis of each of these sites (also on the SODC website) shows the land that SODC has categorised as both **suitable and available**. The second document below this report has the suitable and available land coloured in. This shows 66ha of land around Goring which is enough for circa 2000 houses. SODC is under huge pressure to build new houses and has recently additionally confirmed its legal obligation to support any housing shortage in both Oxford and Reading.

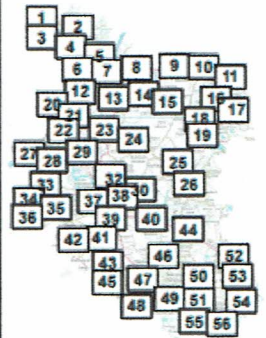
It is a simple fact that without a Neighbourhood Plan, Goring risks uncontrolled development and sprawl. If just some of this land is developed it will change our village for ever. The Plan gives us the opportunity to have more influence over our own destiny.

Finally, now that the Plan and SA is in the public domain, the SG would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time to the extensive consultation program and to the analysis and preparation of the Plan. We would also like to thank the council for their ongoing support and we look forward to receiving feedback during this Reg14 consultation phase.



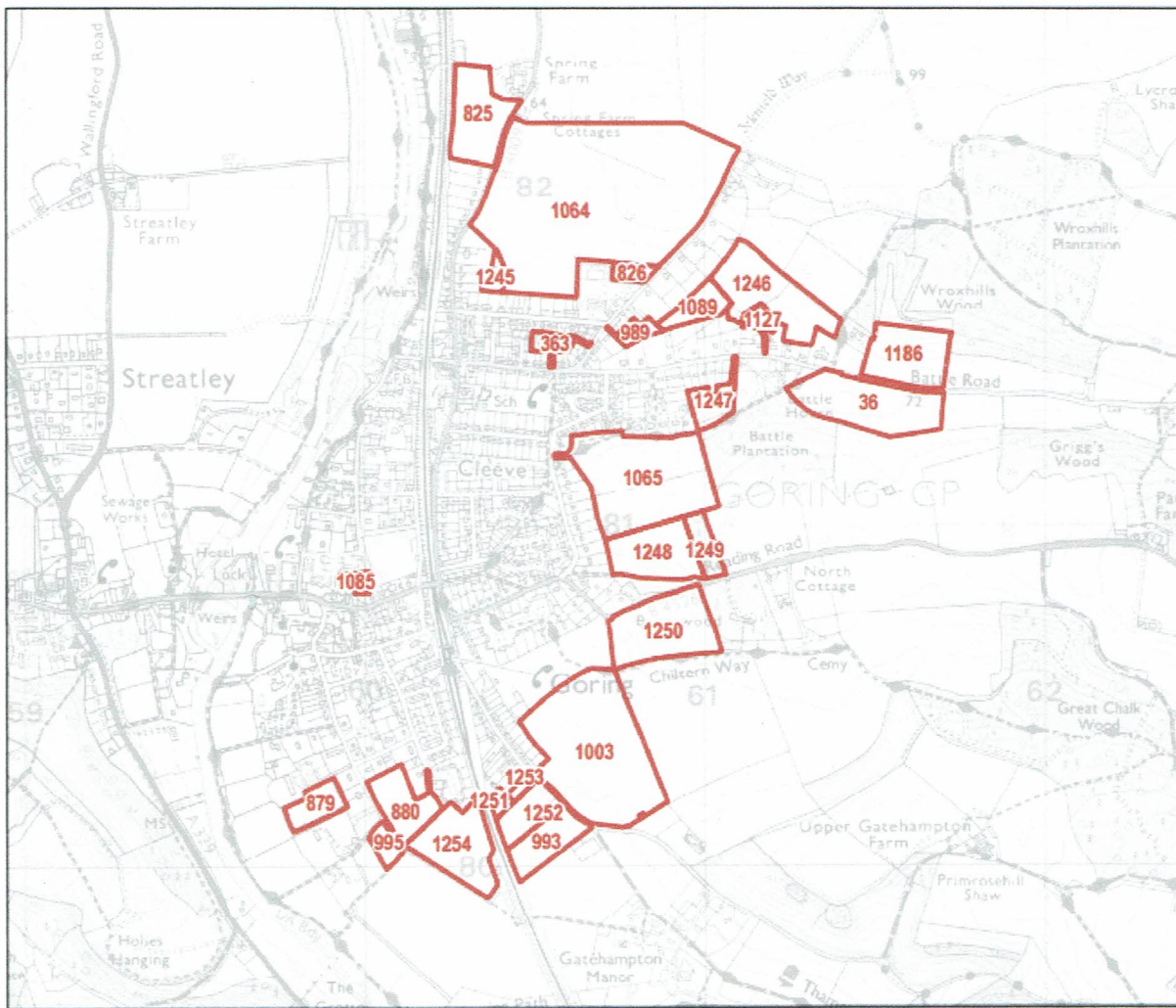
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MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF GORING ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Tuesday 24th October 2017 at 7:30pm,
The Old Jubilee Fire Station, Red Cross Road, Goring on Thames

Members Present:

Chairman	Kevin Bulmer (KB)
Vice Chairman	John Wills (JW)
Members	Bryan Urbick BU)
	Lawrie Reavill (LR
	Catherine Hall (CH)
	Matthew Brown (MBr)
	Emrhys Barrell (EB)
	David Brooker (DB)

Officers Present:

Clerk	Clare Fox (CF)
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Approx. 10 members of the public and press

17/151 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Carmela Boff (CB) and Mary Bulmer (MBu)

17/152 To receive any declarations of interests

None.

17/153 Chairman's Introduction

Cllr Bulmer stated that the Neighbourhood Plan had reached a quite momentous place which now heralded the formal start of the final consultation process. This Extraordinary Council meeting had been called to receive the "draft" until it was approved. Cllr Bulmer explained this period of time would be the last opportunity to alter the plan, as after that it would go to SODC for consideration and then depending on what happened at SODC it would be sent to on to the Examiner.

17/154 To receive the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the Draft Sustainability Appraisal for Goring on Thames and consider whether they be published for consultation under Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Cllr Bulmer then formally proposed the Committee receive the "draft" Neighbourhood Plan, Cllr Bulmer proposed the action, Cllr Wills seconded it and the Committee **voted unanimously to receive the document.**

17/155 To confirm the start and closing dates of any such publication and consultation.

Cllr Bulmer said the dates for publication and public consultation would be from 31st October until 13th December (6 weeks + 1 day). Cllr Bulmer explained the document would be widely publicised including at the Planning Authority at SODC, on GPC's website and with a link to the NP website, plus there would be an article in the next edition of Goring Gap News. Every house in Goring would receive a summary leaflet. By the end of the 6 week period hopefully everyone would know about it and have had the opportunity to read the full draft document and to comment. There was to be a hard copy in the Council Office at Old Jubilee Fire Station, 2 hard copies in the village Library, as well as the pdf version online. Comments from the public can be dropped through the door at OJFS or made online. There would be 4 drop in sessions at OJFS each separately dedicated to the neighbours of one of the four shortlisted sites and a meeting is to be held with the School Working Party. A general workshop is planned to answer any questions. Additionally information would be on all noticeboards as well as notices placed in the Henley Standard and the GGN. (Approx. date of publication of GGN is 15th November). This action was proposed by Cllr Bulmer, seconded by Cllr Wills and the Committee **voted unanimously to action these proposals.**

Signed:

Dated:

17/156 Chairman's closing remarks

Cllr Bulmer stated in his view this was a very solid piece of work, and added that Goring had some particular complications to contend with including the river, being entirely within the AONB and the mainline railway line. He proposed a vote of thanks to all those that have taken part.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 1940 hrs.

Abbreviations

GGN	Goring Gap News
GPC	Goring on Thames Parish Council
NP	Neighbourhood Plan
OJFS	Old Jubilee Fire Station
SODC	South Oxfordshire District Council

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Signed:

Dated: